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into the Riverfront development in its total efforts, all the way from Sioux City down beyond Bellevue. So this is why we're asking for this also as a part of that total project. Once we require this land we are eligible for a considerable amount of federal monies, educational and other types, for this type of development of educational programs. I believe this is good business, otherwise I would not have brought this to your attention. I'm not here in an effort to see how large a piece of land that you might acquire for a very selfish purpose. I'm doing this in the interest of education and that's it, period. For boys and girls. I think you must search your conscience, whether or not you think we have taken the right direction to do this. I think it's right. I'll be happy to answer any questions. I would advise you to read the layout that I gave you of a number of pages on your desk. I think the answers are all there. Doctor Gifford, who is a gentlemen who is I think being very kind to us, is willing to donate a considerable amount of this land to us. He has designated that it shall be used for educational purposes. We are proposing to purchase 657 acres. That's the reason for the \$675,000 to make a grand total of one thousand, five hundred and some odd acres all together.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support LB 507. I belong to the Walking Club and have walked down to this ground. I know it borders the river. I know some of it is tillable. There's a farmer on it. I am familiar with the ground. There are 1500 acres here. I think it's a great bargain. The main point I think is this, in a big city of a third of a million people there are just thousands of kids that never get the opportunity to learn about the soil, to learn about crops and about animals and that sort of thing. How handy it will be being so close to the metropolis to take kids by the bus load down there, and to give them a real education that's truly down to earth. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson. Oh, Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I don't want to get out of turn here, but I yielded to Senator Koch to explain his bill. I do have one more question, if I may Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Yes, I'm sorry Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: That's alright. Senator Koch, I just wondered, I'm not opposed to your procedure here, I think it's great. You probably should be commended very highly for it. Not very many days ago we passed some legislation here permitting the schools of Douglas County to secure some ground for agricultural purposes and education in the agricultural field to the Omaha school. My question is, will students be participating in actual agricultural practices, or is this purely for observation and this type of thing?